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College of Menominee Nation, Forest Service to sign collaboration agreement

MILWAUKEE April 15, 2016 -- The College of Menominee Nation and the U.S. Forest Service will hold an official memorandum of understanding signing ceremony April 19 to expand collaboration between the two parties.

This signing event celebrates the decades-long collaborative working partnership between the College of the Menominee Nation and the Forest Service.

According to the MOU, the parties will cooperate in synthesizing best practices in forest management, ecology, utilization and Native American expertise and applying this knowledge to sustainable forest practices and sustainable development. The college's Center for First Americans Forestlands will administer the initiative.

"Witnessing the sustained success resulting from this long standing MOU has been exciting," said USDA Deputy Under-Secretary for Natural Resources Arthur "Butch" Blazer. "With the current MOU now in place, this partnership has the opportunity to continue to strengthen and grow, all to the benefit of Indian Country."

The Deputy Under-Secretary is scheduled to deliver greetings on behalf of Forest Service leadership at the event.

College of Menominee Nation President Dr. Verna Fowler will deliver welcoming remarks during the ceremony. Menominee Tribal Legislature Chairperson Joan Delabreau will represent the Menominee Reservation.

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Forest Service signatories to the MOU include Northeastern Area State and Private Forestry Acting Director Jim Baressi, Eastern Regional Forester Kathleen Atkinson and Acting Northern Research Station and Forest Products Lab Director Tony Ferguson.

CMN Sustainable Development Institute Director Chris Caldwell will provide an overview of the College/Forest Service Partnership.

Jen Youngblood, the Forest Service liaison to the College of Menominee Nation, will serve as emcee for the MOU signing ceremony. The event is scheduled to be held at the College of Menominee Nation Cultural Learning Center Auditorium, N172 State Highway 47/55, Keshena, Wisconsin, and begins at 10 a.m. CST.

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